

GREAT BATTLE IMPENDING

JURY FIXES BLAME FOR THE HORROR

Directors of Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, Captain, Mate and Others Are Held Responsible.

Charge in Each Case Is Manslaughter and Guilty Persons Are Held for Trial.

THE MATE ACTED COWARDLY

Government Steamboat Inspector Was Also Derelict in His Duty and Will Be Reported as Such.

New York, June 28.—The inquiry conducted by Coroner Berry and a jury into the General Slocum disaster was concluded today, and, after nearly four hours' deliberation, a verdict was rendered in which the directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, Captain Van Schaick of the General Slocum, Captain Pease, commodore of the company's fleet, and others were held criminally responsible. Warrants for their arrest were issued. The mate of the General Slocum, according to the jury, acted in a cowardly manner, and the misconduct of Steamboat Inspector Lundberg, it reported, should be brought to the attention of the federal authorities.

The charge in each case is manslaughter in the first degree. Bail was fixed by the coroner varying from \$1000 to \$5000. Mate Edward Flanagan, who was under detention as a witness, was first arraigned. He pleaded not guilty and his bail was fixed at \$1000. He was committed to jail. Inspector Lundberg pleaded not guilty and was released on \$1000 bonds.

Bail was fixed at \$5000 each for President Barnaby and Secretary Atkinson and bonds were furnished at once.

Captain Van Schaick is a prisoner in the hospital. Captain Pease may not be arrested until tomorrow, when it is expected the directors of the company will also be taken into custody.

Russians and Japanese Are Face to Face and Conflict of Severity Is Expected Today.

Kuropatkin Occupies Strong Position and Seems Confident of His Ability to Successfully Withstand Impending Onslaught--Kuroki's Position Not So Secure as Formerly From Flank Attack and Must Force Battle in Order to Get Around Russian Position.

Hai Cheng, June 28.—A heavy engagement is expected tomorrow near the village of Si Mou Cheng, 15 miles south-southeast of Hai Cheng and an equal distance due east of the railway.

The Japanese have now passed Dalin hill and are 20 miles south of the Russian position.

An Associated Press correspondent returned here from Tai Tche Kiao at dawn today. Terrific rain rendered the roads almost impassable.

The Russian regiments are camped on the high ground and are in excellent condition. Kuropatkin and his staff are apparently quite easy in their minds. The Japanese have given the Russians time to strengthen their base

and flank, while Kuroki is not so secure as formerly from flank attack. Kuroki cannot get around the Russian position without forcing a fight.

JAPS ARE CLOSING IN.

When Kuropatkin Chooses Spot Battle Will Be Waged.

St. Petersburg, June 28.—No further advices from the front had been received up to tonight, though news from General Kuropatkin and Admiral Witthoft was eagerly awaited. The usual rumors of heavy fighting have pervaded the city, but they were based wholly upon the fact that the armies are in close touch.

Though it appears now from Kuropatkin's tactics that a heavy engagement may be deferred for some days, it is possible the Japanese may rush

near the top of the crate, and in this way was prevented from becoming a solid mass because of its own weight. There were several folds of the bag over each slat, and the vandal drew his knife across these, cutting through from two to four thicknesses of the material with each slash. The work evidently was done in haste. There were about a dozen slats covered with folds of the bag and only four or five of them were cut.

When the damage was discovered a messenger was sent to Mr. Dumont and he hurried to the scene. After examining the bag he said: "Well, it is just as I told the fair people. This place is not secure enough."

"What will you do?" asked a correspondent of the Associated Press.

"I don't know," was the reply. "It will be an impossibility to get a new bag, and if an ascension is made this one must be repaired. I can think of no reason why anyone should want to destroy my airship."

Professor Meyers made a careful examination of the cuts and said:

"The damage seems to have been done with a dull knife. I can conceive of no reason why anyone should want to destroy the bag, and I believe the work was pure vandalism with no other object in view than the malicious destruction of property."

Walter B. Stevenson of the world's fair company said steps would be taken to apprehend the vandal and for the future protection of the airship.

When the damage was done the shed that sheltered the gas bag was patrolled by a Jefferson guard, and a special watchman, who was one of Mr. Dumont's employees. Neither saw the vandal, and the damage was not discovered until the workmen were about to take the bag from the box.

MORE MINERS DEPORTED.

Thirty-Nine Men Run Out of Victor by General Bell.

Victor, Colo., June 28.—Thirty-nine men affiliated with the Western Federation of Miners who have been arrested at various times since the 8th instant were deported tonight. In the number were several men arrested at the time of the Dunnville expedition. According to General Bell, their destination is Colorado Springs.

OREGON BOY WINS PRIZE.

Carries Off Honors in Prohibitionary Oratorical Contest.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 28.—Walter B. Miles of Pacific college, Newberg, Ore., won the first prize of \$100 in the prohibitionary oratorical contest in Tomlinson hall tonight.

WOULD APPEAL TO THE HAGUE.

Russian Suggests Plan to Stop Butchery of Wounded.

St. Petersburg, June 28.—(12:13 p. m.)—The Novoe Vremya today, calling attention to the statement that Don Jaime de Bourbon was an eye-witness to the killing of Russian wounded at Vafangow, declares that something must be done quickly to prevent the war degenerating into the senseless brutality which the Japanese practices indicate. The paper urges the Russian newspaper correspondents in the field to show up the authors of this brutality and secure the evidence of eye-witnesses and photographs in order that The Hague convention may be invoked.

The sudden cessation of newspaper dispatches from the theater of war tends to confirm the belief that the armies are about to engage. Most of the military critics take the view that a big battle is imminent, although the Novoe Vremya's expert thinks that a pitched battle now is more attractive to the Japanese generals than to General Kuropatkin, saying that the latter does not need precipitancy as Russian reinforcements continue to arrive, but if the Japanese want a battle they must hasten, as only a fortnight remains before rains set in.

The army organ, whose comment was written before the arrival of Lieutenant General Sarakhoff's dispatch last night, points out the difficult, mountainous country through which General Kuroki's columns are going, and finds in General Oku's withdrawal southward either that the Japanese are trying to draw off part of Kuropatkin's army, or their decision, in view of the near approach of the rainy season, to arrest their further advance. In the latter case, the army would be able to hold the greater part of Liao Tung peninsula until the resumption of active operations in August.

All the papers consider almost inexplicable the failure to receive further reports from Tokio of the sea fight off Port Arthur, and are reproducing, with great prominence, dispatches from German papers to the effect that Admiral Togo, in his official reports, did not claim positively to have sunk a Russian battleship or to have crippled two other vessels. General indignation is manifested over the alleged misstatement of the reports of Admiral Togo.

Russian Ships to Sail Today.

London, June 28.—The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent says that, according to a Russian naval officer, a section of the Russian second Pacific squadron will leave Cronstadt June 29.

and Liao Yang. The Russian outposts and the Japanese advance are now in close touch at all these passes.

Kuropatkin is now moving slowly northward along the railway, and wherever he makes his stand there will be precipitated what is expected to be the decisive battle of the campaign.

In the meantime, Oku is advancing along the railroad at the head of the withdrawing Russians. He is backed up by a powerful army. How large a portion of this army he has detached to join Kuroki has not been developed, but it is probably large enough to add material severity to the fighting before the Russians finally abandon the mountains.

There is great eagerness for news from Port Arthur, but nothing concerning the situation there was known up to tonight.

OPEN FOR SETTLEMENT.

Nine Million Acres of Land Available in Nebraska.

Omaha, June 28.—Nine millions of acres of government land in Nebraska were opened for homestead entry today under the provisions of the Kinkaid law, which permits homesteaders to file on 640 acres of land. The land opened by the Kinkaid law is known as semi-arid land, and is mostly adapted to grazing. This is the last great opening of government land of this nature that will ever be made, and was the occasion of a rush for choice sections.

The six land offices in Nebraska were the scenes of great excitement. At O'Neill, nearly 1000 persons, nearly 10 per cent of whom were women, were in line at sunrise.

The greatest excitement was at Broken Bow, where over 2,000,000 acres of the best land included in the provisions of the law were thrown open. At sunrise 2000 persons were in line, and Sheriff Richardson, who had already taken extraordinary precautions to forestall trouble, today enlisted an extra force of deputies to keep order. Later he requested Governor Mickey to order the militia out to assist in keeping order.

IRATE HUSBAND SHOOT.

Kills Man Who Was Paying Attention to His Wife.

Emmett, Idaho, June 28.—Thomas Hamilton, proprietor of the Idaho meat market, was shot to death in front of his place of business by Albert White today.

White gave himself up at once and was placed in custody to await the arrival of the sheriff from Caldwell. The shooting was caused by the alleged attentions of Hamilton to Mrs. White. White met Hamilton this morning, and after a few words drew his revolver and fired, instantly killing Hamilton. After Hamilton fell, White coolly walked away, giving himself up to the officers.

Hamilton was 35 years of age, and well known in that section. He was unmarried. White is a newcomer, and, with his wife, has been engaged in the restaurant business.

Crop Conditions Not So Favorable.

Washington, June 28.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says:

Temperature conditions during the week ending June 27 were not so favorable as during the preceding week. In the north Pacific coast districts it was cool, with heavy frosts, more or less damaging, in the eastern portions of Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

SYRACUSE CAPTURES BIG EVENT

Smashes Cornell's Supremacy in the Rowing Races at Poughkeepsie With Ease That Surprises All.

Takes Eight-Oar Varsity and Eight-Oar Freshmen Races by Hand—some Majorities.

FOUR-OAR EVENT CORNELL'S

Wisconsin, of Which Much Was Expected, and Columbia, Dark Horse, Failed to Figure in Winning.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 28.—Cornell's rowing supremacy is broken. In the four-mile eight-oar varsity race and in the freshmen two-mile eight-oar race the Syracuse oarsmen won by handsome majorities, coming out of obscurity so marked that last night friends of Syracuse could not find takers for bets at 1 to 2.

Cornell won the four-oar varsity race with ease. Wisconsin, which was thought to threaten all competitors in the four-oar and varsity races, was never a factor, coming in next to last in the four-oar race and last in the varsity. Columbia, the "dark horse," whose mysterious doings up the stream have led to a great deal of solicitude on the part of all her competitors, did well in the four-oar race, in which she came in second, though she made but a feeble showing in the others, coming in last in the freshmen race and fourth in the varsity.

The weather on the whole was nearly perfect today for racing. Dashes of rain marred the enjoyment of the spectators somewhat and rather a brisk southerly breeze toward the close of the day made the water somewhat rough, to which the slow time may be attributed. The summary follows:

Varsity four-oar race, two miles—Cornell won, time 10:53 2-5; Columbia second, 11:12 1-5; Pennsylvania third, 11:15 3-5; Wisconsin fourth, 11:18 2-5; Georgetown sixth, 11:34 2-5. Freshmen eight-oar race, two miles—Syracuse won, 10:01; Cornell second, 10:12 2-5; Pennsylvania third, 10:18; Columbia fourth, 10:28 1-2.

Varsity eight-oar race, four miles—Syracuse won, 20:22 2-5; Cornell second, 20:31 1-5; Pennsylvania third, 20:32 4-5; Columbia fourth, 20:45 2-5; Georgetown fifth, 20:52 3-5; Wisconsin sixth, 21:01.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Pacific Coast.

At Portland—San Francisco, 5; Portland, 8.
At Tacoma—Los Angeles, 3; Tacoma, 4.
At Seattle—Oakland, 1; Seattle, 13.
At Boston—New York, 2; Boston, 1.
At St. Louis—Cleveland, 4; St. Louis, 0.
At Washington—Philadelphia, 1; Washington, 2.
At Detroit—Chicago, 4; Detroit, 2.
At New York—Philadelphia, 3; New York, 9.
At Brooklyn—Boston, 6; Brooklyn, 1.

Idaho Congressman Weds.

Norfolk, Neb., June 28.—Miss Winifred Hartley, a teacher, and Congressman Burton L. French, representative from Idaho, were married at noon today. They left immediately for Moscow, Idaho.

Dan Emmett Is Dead.

Mount Vernon, O., June 28.—Dan Emmett, the old-time minstrel, famous as the composer of "Dixie," died suddenly tonight, aged 86.

Clothes For Active Men

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